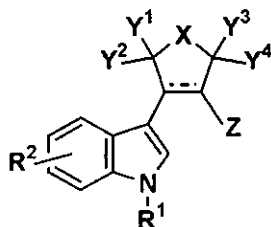
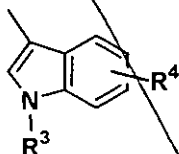


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wherein X represents an oxygen atom or N-R⁵; Z represents a halogen atom or



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group which may possess substituent(s), an alkoxyl group or an aryloxy group which may possess substituent(s), or a hydroxyl group; R² and R⁴ each represents substituent(s) on an indole ring, in which number and position (2-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-position as position number of the indole ring) of the substituent(s) and kinds of the substituent(s) may be the same or different, and represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkenyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkynyl group which may possess substituent(s), an aryl group which may possess substituent(s), an acyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkoxy- or aryloxy carbonyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkyl- or arylthiocarbonyl group which may possess substituent(s), an aminocarbonyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkyl- or arylsulfonyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkoxyl group or an aryloxy group which may possess substituent(s), an alkyl- or arylthio group which may possess substituent(s), a hydroxyl group, a carboxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, an amino group which may possess substituent(s), or a halogen atom; R⁵ represents an alkyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkenyl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkynyl group which may possess substituent(s), an aryl group which may possess substituent(s), an alkoxyl group or an aryloxy group which may possess substituent(s), an amino group which may possess

substituent(s), a hydroxyl group, or a hydrogen atom; Y¹ and Y², and Y³ and Y⁴ each independently represent two hydrogen atoms or a hydrogen atom and a hydroxyl group, or are combined to form a carbonyl group; and R¹ and R², R¹ and R³, R³ and R⁴, or R² and R⁴ may be combined to form a hydrocarbon chain or a hydrocarbon chain containing hetero atom(s) which may possess substituent(s); and in the formula, the bond accompanying a dotted line represents a double bond or a single bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of neurons, of neurodegenerative diseases, comprising ~~a derivative~~ *an indole derivative of claim 1* represented by the above formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

3. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of neurons, of neonatal jaundice, comprising ~~a derivative~~ *an indole derivative of claim 1* represented by the above formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

4. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting cell death, of myasthenia gravis, comprising ~~a derivative~~ *an indole derivative of claim 1* represented by the above formula (I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

5. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of neurons, of brain ischemia and delayed neuronal death (DND), comprising ~~a derivative represented by the above formula (I)~~ *an indole derivative of claim 1* or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

6. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of myocardial cells, of ischemic heart disease, viral myocarditis, autoimmune myocarditis, myocardial disorders or cell death due to hypertrophic heart and heart failure, or arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, comprising ~~a derivative~~ *an imide derivative of claim 1* represented by the above formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

7. A drug for treating or preventing progress of symptoms, through inhibiting death of hepatic cells, of alcoholic hepatitis or viral hepatitis, comprising ~~a derivative represented by the above formula (I)~~ *an imide derivative of claim 1* or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

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